

TO BOOM ANACORTES.

Attempt On to Centralize Pacific Codfish Business There.

Ambitious Town Aspires To Be Gloucester of the Pacific.

The citizens of Anacortes, Wash., believe that their city presents unusual opportunities for the codfish business, and are about to inaugurate a campaign of exploitation to emphasize the advantages of their locality in this respect.

They claim that it is evident to all who have given the subject careful consideration that it would be highly desirable to see the codfishing interests of the Pacific Coast centralized at one point as are the Atlantic codfisheries at Gloucester.

They also say that Anacortes presents strong claims as the ideal location for the headquarters of this industry. Situated at the head of the Straits of Fuca, vessels can sail directly up to and from her harbor. Excellent sites are available fronting on deep water to be offered on extremely attractive terms. Already two important codfishing enterprises are carried on there, together with two plants to work up the waste products. One of these plants is just being completed at an expenditure of about \$150,000. These people are in the same business on the Atlantic and have established themselves at Anacortes because it presents advantages for their enterprise. The boomers say that the same reasons which impelled them to select Anacortes should influence other companies allied with the codfisheries to locate there.

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PACIFIC COD FLEET

Numbers Twenty One Large Vessels This Year.

The Pacific salt codfishing fleet this season comprises schs. W. H. Dumond, City of Papeete, Hunter, J. D. Spreckles, Repeat, Czarina, Stanley, Fremont, Martha, Ivy, Otillie, Fjord, Dora Blukin and Ida McKay of San Francisco, Fanny Dutard, Harriet G., Alice and Joseph Russ of Anacortes, Maid of Orleans of Seattle, and Fortuna, Vega and Harold Blekum.

Four of these are at Muga Cove, six in Behring sea, six sea fishing, two at stations and three at Pirate Cove.

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DOGFISH SWARMING.

Pests Come Early and Cover Banks in Great Schools.

Many Vessels Have Lost Trawls and Fish Because of Them.

Capt. Jere Shea of the Boston sch. Regina had a costly experience with the schools of dogfish that have already begun to swarm on the banks at this season. He took his craft to La Have and Cashes banks and on both found the dogfish ravenous and numerous. So great were the numbers of the fish and so fiercely did they attack the fish caught on the trawl hooks that in some places they carried off trawls and buoys. Capt. Shea lost more than 20 tubs of trawls in this city.

The fishermen who have been to other grounds tell about the same tale of the ravages of the dogfish, and nearly every vessel suffered some from them either in the loss of trawls or in the loss of fish bit in two on the hook. Even the fishermen who fish on the Rips found the dogfish troublesome.

The Georges halibutermen report it almost impossible to get a line of trawl to bottom before there is a "dog" on every hook. They also say the dogfish schooled around the vessel, evidently scenting their food.

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Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Mooween sold to the New England Fish Co. at 7 cents per pound for white and 4 1-2 cents for gray.

Good Stock.

Sch. Senator, Capt. John Marr, stocked \$2134.93 as the result of her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$47.12.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Matchless, Rips, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Little Fannie, shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Herbert and Emma, shore, 12,000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Dolphin, shore, 30,000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Unknown, shore, 7000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Jopiate, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.

Todays Fish Market.

Round pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; gutted 80 cents.

Bank halibut 7 cts. per lb. for white and 4 1-2 cts. per lb. for gray.

Salt bank cod, large \$3.75, mediums, \$3.
Salt Rips, cod, large, \$4, mediums, \$3; snapper \$2.

Salt Georges cod, large \$4.00, mediums, \$3.25.

Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2; mediums, \$1.50; Cape North cod, large, \$1.87 1-2; medium, \$1.37 1-2; Peak cod large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 75 to 80 cts.

Boston.

Sch. Wodan, 500 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Yankee, 1000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Sheffield, 13,000 cod.

Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 5000 haddock, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Uncle Sam, 12,000 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Alcina, 1000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 500 pollock.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Helena, 500 haddock, 500 cod.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.25; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; pollock, \$1.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Jennie B. Hodgdon sailed from Edgartown on Tuesday.

Sch. Claudia baited at Edgartown Tuesday.

Sch. Gladiator arrived at Canso, N. S., on Tuesday.

May 23

TAKEN TO TASK.

Pacific Fisherman Attributes Recent Collisions to Carelessness.

Believes Steamer's Men Need Taste of Official Discipline.

Speaking of collisions off the Pacific coast, the Pacific Fisherman, speaking editorially says:

"There have been in the past few years several wholly unnecessary collisions between fishing craft and fast steamers plying between Puget Sound points.

We are informed by the trade that many more have been avoided solely by the utmost vigilance on the part of the skippers of sailing craft. A recent instance is very significant as to where the blame attaches for this reckless carelessness resulting in loss of life, vessel and cargo. "Lights not visible" is a poor excuse either in a pilot or an engine driver.

"Evidence nearly always discloses the fact that the lights were in position and could have been discerned by a careful navigator. As in the case in point, however, it seems clear that the steamer lookout was not able or competent to detect the same in time to signal the bridge and consequently an unoffending fishing schooner is rammed and sunk without the slightest justification.

"We are afraid that beyond a doubt the discipline of the steamer flotilla on the American side needs the attention of officialdom. A little interjection of the naval reserve element would not be amiss. How is it that the Canadian Pacific Railway boats are so much better handled?"

After reading the above we cannot help thinking of the loss of Capt. Wilson Spinney, formerly of this port, and others and wondering to what a great extent carelessness on steamers has been responsible for the loss of many, many brave fishermen.

May 23.

MACKEREL OFF HALIFAX.

Netters Took 100 Large Fish Off There Yesterday.

Large Number of Cape Shore Seiners Will Sail Today.

The boats took 100 mackerel off Halifax, N. S., yesterday and the nets and traps at Yarmouth, N. S., also made small catches yesterday.

The Yarmouth steamer at Boston yesterday had two barrels of fresh mackerel, the first Cape Shore shipment this season.

Schs. Corsair and Annie Greenlaw were among the fleet of seiners that harbored at Newport yesterday. Schs. Slade Gorton and Constellation were also there.

The catch of fresh mackerel to date is 5472 barrels against 12,604 barrels at this time last year, 8379 barrels in 1906, 13,729 barrels in 1905, 23,506 barrels in 1904 and 27,743 barrels in 1903, up to date.

In spite of the fog and east wind quite a number of the seiners will get away for the Cape Shore today.

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BANKERS DID WELL.

Four Local Vessels Reported Recently at Port au Basques.

The St. John's, N. F., Free Press of Tuesday, May 12, has the following items of interest to the fishing people here:

"The American fishing sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Capt. James McHenry, put into Bay Bulls Tuesday out of the storm, and remained there until the weather cleared up. She is a comparatively new vessel of 100 tons, and is bound to Hudson's Straits on a fished halibut trip. She carries a crew of 20 men all told.

"When the Portia was at Port au Basques there were four American bankers there, waiting for a change of wind to get north. They have been fishing on the Rose Blanche grounds for some time, and have done fairly well, using frozen squid for bait, which they brought along from Gloucester. The schs. and their catches are:

"Arcadia, Capt. Robert Keefe, 120,000 lbs.

"Arkona, Capt. Newman Wharton, 110,000 lbs.

"Harry A. Nickerson, Capt. Charles Rudolph, 100,000 lbs.

"Athlete, Capt. LeRoy Spinney, 100,000 lbs.

"They are now bound to the Gulf to finish their first long trip."

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YARMOUTH TRAPS

Took 175 Large Mackerel on Wednesday.

The traps at Yarmouth, N. S., are reported to have taken 175 mackerel on Wednesday.

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Bait.

John Nagle & Co. advise that there are 150 barrels of herring in the traps at Nahant.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Mina Swim, Rips, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Thalia, Rips, 48,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, pollock seining, 39,000 lbs. pollock.

Todays Fish Market.

Round pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; gutted 80 cents.

Bank halibut 7 cts. per lb. for white and 4 1-2 cts. per lb. for gray.

Salt bank cod, large \$3.75, mediums, \$3.

Salt Rips, cod, large, \$4, mediums, \$3; snapper \$2.

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Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2; mediums, \$1.50; Cape North cod, large, \$1.87 1-2; medium, \$1.37 1-2; Peak cod large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 75 to 80 cts.

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Boston.

Sch. Motor, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Galatea, 2000 haddock, 22,000 cod.
Sch. Wesley W. Sennett, 3600 haddock, 1800 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 7000 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. Harvester, 5000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Haddock, \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.75; hake, \$1. to \$2.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Patrick Vale has fitted sch. Titania for a salt bank dory handline trip and will sail Monday.
Capt. Ernest Engstrom will start Monday to fit sch. Agnes for fresh halibut.

Provincetown Fishing Notes.

Sloops Alfred Brown and Betsey Ross sailed for the southern dragging field Friday last.

Dragger Little Jennie landed 300 mackerel at New Bedford Tuesday.

The Blatchford weirs contained five large mackerel Monday morning.

Sloops Dart, Capt. Sears; John W. Caswell, Capt. Bangs; Crescent, Capt. Newcomb; Magnolia, Capt. Silva; Briganza, Capt. Fuller, and Lizzie Foster, Capt. Williams, sailed for the southern dragging field Thursday last. The Active sailed Friday and the Little Jennie left home at midnight Sunday.

May 25.

THE CAPE SHORE MEANS MUCH TO GLOUCESTER. The mackerel fishing season to date has been almost an utter failure. The southern fishery, which seemed to promise so much at the start, was ruined almost entirely by a long stretch of unusually bad weather that put fishing out of the question. One by one and in squads of five or six, the vessels have been coming home to fit for the Cape Shore, and settlements have been few and far between.

In all the fleet engaged in the seining pursuit of mackerel numbers 70 sail, composed of the finest and costliest fishing vessels in the world. The great bulk of this fleet will go to the Cape Shore and on its success or failure there much depends. A good season on the Cape Shore would go far to make up for the ill luck out south and give the fleet as a whole a good start.

Mackerel mean much to Gloucester. the mackerel is the life of the fish trade; it stimulates all branches and sells salt fish. A leading fish runner once said "Give me plenty of mackerel and I have no trouble to sell salt fish at a good figure." Mackerel in goodly numbers means money at home, money for the fisherman, skipper and owner, for the store keepers and men who rent houses. Let us hope that the Cape Shore will make up for the short comings of the southern season.

May 25.

SEINERS ON CAPE SHORE.

Advance Guard Arrived at Liverpool N. S., on Tuesday.

Only Two Netters at New York Today with Mackerel.

Sch. Parthia was at Newport Saturday. There are only two netters at New York this morning, sch. Actor, 800 large fresh mackerel, and sch. Mabel Bryson, 2200 large fresh mackerel.

This is the fourth trip thus far this season for sch. Actor and makes Capt. Frank Nolan easily high line of the netting fleet. He was out some time on this trip, which shows that the fleet has had bad weather or missed the fish.

Schs. Saladin, George Parker, and Squanto are home to fit for the Cape Shore.

A number of the mackerel fleet are reported to have left out south and gone direct to the Cape Shore.

The Dominion Fish Bureau for Friday reports a few mackerel at Pubnico.

Schs. Lucania, Marguerite Haskins, Veda M. McKown, Effie M. Prior and Lotie G. Merchant were at Liverpool, N. S., on Thursday.

Two trips at Yarmouth, N. S., took 25 mackerel Friday.

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Good Trips.

Sch. Good Luck, Capt. James Goodwin, is at Boston today, from the Rips, with a fine fare 51,000 pounds of fresh cod.

Sch. Morning Star, Capt. Dwyer, is at Boston this morning, from Brown's bank, with a good trip 13,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Niagara, Capt. Fred Thompson, which arrived Saturday, had a nice fare, 25,000 pounds of fresh cod, 25,000 pounds of salt cod and 12,000 pounds of halibut. Capt. Thompson is keeping up his good work.

Will Fight Confiscation.

The American steam halibut schooner Francis Cuting, owned by the Seattle Fish and Cold Storage Company, which was seized recently by the Canadian fisheries cruiser Keestrel, is now the subject of diplomatic correspondence. The owners may fight confiscation in the courts.

Saw Salt Bankers.

Capt. Fred Thompson of sch. Niagara, which arrived Saturday from off St. Paul's Island, reports seeing a number of the salt bank fleet off Cape North, on their fresh baiting a while ago. He did not speak all of them but learned that the fleet as a whole had done rather poorly, while some few had done well. He spoke schs. Maggie and May and J. J. Flaherty.

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Big Halibut Catch.

The fishing steamer Flamingo, Capt. Freeman, reached Vancouver, B. C., the other day with 190,000 lbs. of halibut, the biggest catch that has been brought in for a very long time.

Has Salt Alewives.

Sch. Rebecca Bartlett arrived at this port yesterday afternoon from Cape Cod with the first cargo of salted alewives of the season.

Herring Plenty at Magdalenes.

The Dominion Fish Bureau reports herring still very plenty at the Magdalene Islands. Herring are also plenty at Canso.

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SLIGHT RAISE.

Salt Rips Cod Brought an Advance This Morning.

Salt Rips cod brought a little advance this morning. There were three outside and one firm vessel in, schs. Mina Swim, E. C. Hussey, Thomas Brundage and Volant, the latter belonging to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

The fare of sch. E. C. Hussey sold to Lane & Smith at \$4 and \$3.10 per hundred weight for large and mediums. The fare of sch. Mina Swim went to Cunningham & Thompson at the same figure. Davis Bros. bought the fare of sch. Thomas Brundage at \$4.05 and \$3.10.

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WILL BUY STEAM TRAWLER.

Halifax Fish Merchant Gone to England for That Purpose.

A. N. Whitman of Halifax has gone to England to purchase a steam trawler for the local company recently organized. The headquarters in the winter season will be a Canso, but in the summer it will prosecute the industry at various places in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

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Fish Receipts.

The Bureau of Fisheries reports that during April 1,469,474 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$27,969 and 196,927 pounds of salt cod valued at \$7003, were landed at this port and 6,030,900 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$192,736 landed at Boston.

Good Stock.

Sch. Richard, Capt. Daniel McOiosh, which arrived from a shack trip last week, made the fine stock of \$3074.85, while her crew shared each \$69.64. This is one of the best trips this season and the time absent was but one month.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Volant, Rips, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. E. C. Hussey, Rips, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Thomas Brundage, Rips, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Cavalier, St. Paul's Island, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 14,000 lbs. flitch halibut, 8000 lbs. salt cod, 9000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Agnes, St. Paul's Island, 25,000 lbs. halibut, 5000 lbs. salt cod.

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Sch. Mary Emerson, shore, 6000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Rips, 25,000 lbs. pollock.
Str. Mystery, shore, 6000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Saladin, south seining.
Sch. Squanto, south seining.
Sch. George Parker, south seining.
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, returned.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.
Sch. Rebecca Bartlett, Cape Cod, salt alewives.
Str. Quartette, shore, 6000 lbs. pollock.

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Boston.

Sch. Eva Avina, 500 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Good Luck, 3000 haddock, 46,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Lochinvar, 5000 cod, 35,000 hake, 12,000 cusk.
Sch. Quonnapoint, 20,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 11,000 hake, 6000 cusk.
Sch. Morning Star, 8000 cod, 90,000 hake, 15,000 cusk.
Sch. Bessie and Mary, 1000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 17,000 cod.
Sch. Nettie, 200 haddock, 1300 cod.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 9000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 hake, 5000 cusk.
Sch. Two Sisters, 2000 cod.
Sch. Rose Cabral, 4000 haddock, 9000 cod.
Sch. Minerva, 10,000 cod, 60,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.
Sch. Rose Dorothea, 12,000 haddock, 7000 cod.
Sch. Jessie Costa, 12,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.
Haddock, \$3 to \$4.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; market cod, \$1.60 to \$2; hake, 80 cts. to \$2; cusk, \$1.75; pollock, \$1 to \$1.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. William Matheson of Bucksport, Me., has secured a cargo of salt herring at the Magdalen Islands, passing Port Mulgrave, N. S., bound home, last Tuesday.

The Provincetown bankers Monitor, American, Lottie Brynes and Gladstone, which have been fitting out at Boston, are about ready to sail on a salt dory handline trips.

Sch. Lizzie Griffin of Bucksport will now fit for dory handlining.

Capt. T. M. Nicholson's Bucksport, Me., fleet, schs. Elizabeth N., M. B. Setson, Hiram Lowell and T. M. Nicholson will soon fit for salt bank dory handline trips.

Schs. Gladiator and Alice R. Lawson were at Canso, N. S., Friday.

May 26.

READY TO LAUNCH.

New Knockabout Soon To Take Water from Bishop's Yard.

Built for Capt. George Perry of Sch. Teresa and Alice.

The new knockabout fishing schooner which is being built for Capt. George Perry of sch. Theresa and Alice at John Bishop's yard in this city, will be ready for launching by Friday, and will be launched on that day or Saturday. The launching will take place on Friday if Capt. Perry can have his way, as he is not a believer in the unlucky Friday. He says he took sch. Theresa and Alice after every one predicted ill luck for her, because at her launching she struck on the ways and was not got off for several days, but she proved one of the best money-makers in the fleet coming here.

Sch. Theresa and Alice will be put under command of Capt. Benjamin Swim, now purser on sch. Seacomett, about the middle of June, when Capt. Perry takes charge of the new craft, which will be named Warren M. Goodspeed.

The new craft is a very handsome well built boat and the host of friends with Capt. Perry has all along the coast wish for him a continuation of his success of recent years.